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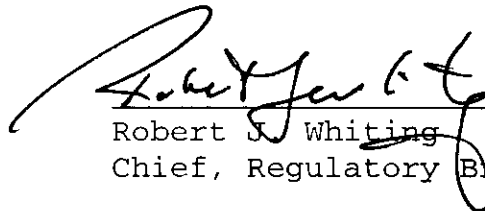
Public Notice

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SUSPENSION OF SECTION 404 NATIONWIDE PERMITS IN MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN

1. The purpose of this public notice is to notify the public that the Section 404 nationwide permits (NWPs) re-issued by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Headquarters on March 18, 2002, have been suspended and are not valid in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The re-issued Section 10 NWPs have not been suspended and are valid in Minnesota and Wisconsin.
2. Early in 2000, all Section 404 (NWPs) in Minnesota and Wisconsin were suspended and replaced with statewide permitting procedures (GP/LOPs). The GP/LOPs recognize state regulatory programs and unique circumstances on Indian Reservations and are tailored to the areas they cover. On August 9, 2001, Corps Headquarters proposed to re-issue all existing Nationwide Permits (NWPs). The NWPs were re-issued on March 18, 2002. In public notices on August 17, 2001, and February 1, 2002, the St. Paul District proposed to simply maintain the status quo in Minnesota and Wisconsin by suspending the re-issued Section 404 NWPs and continuing to replace them with the statewide GP/LOPs. The Corps' Mississippi Valley Division Engineer exercised his authority and suspended the Section 404 NWPs in Minnesota and Wisconsin on March 27, 2002.
3. The three GP/LOPs that continue to replace the Section 404 NWPs are available on the St. Paul District's web page at:
www.mvp.usace.army.mil/regulatory/proposals/proposals.htm.


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